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SUBJ: PINOCHET REACTS TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CABLE

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1. SUMMARY. JUNTA PRES PINOCHET HAS STATED HE WILL NOT ANSWER UNHCR CABLE WHICH HE ADJUDGED TO BE "INSOLENT" AND "FALSE." END SUMMARY.

2. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH WELL-PLUGGED-IN COLUMNIST MARIA EUGENIA OYARZUN PUBLISHED IN MARCH 7 LA TERCERA, GEN. PINOCHET RESPONDED TO QUESTION ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO GOC BY STATING "I DO NOT ANSWER INSOLENT LETTERS WHICH ASSERT FACTS WHICH ARE NOT TRUE ... IN CHILE HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN VIOLATED....WE HAVE NO FIRING SQUADS. WE HAVE NORMAL, LEGAL TRIALS AND THE COURTS FUNCTION IN A TOTALLY INDEPENDENT MANNER...."

3. PINOCHET ADDED "WE HAVE SENT CIRCULARS EVERYWHERE STATING THAT A HARD HAND MEANS A JUST HAND, NOT CRUELTY." (THE LATTER IS UNDOUBTEDLY REFERENCE TO INSTRUCTIONS REPORTEDLY SENT TO MILITARY COMMANDERS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC  
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BUT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED - INTER ALIA - IN NEW YORK TIMES

ARTICLE.) PINOCHET DEFENDED PERSONNEL OF ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL POLICE AS "NOT CRUEL," SAYING ORGANIZATIONS ARE MADE UP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INSTILLED WITH HUMANISTIC IDEALS.

4. GENERAL PINOCHET THEN RHETORICALLY ASKED INTERVIEWER WHY THEY (PRESUMABLY HRC) ARE "SO CONCERNED ABOUT US WHEN AT THE SAME TIME THEY DO NOT SHOW CONCERN FOR VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA OR IN COUNTRIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE THEY TAKE AWAY A MAN'S NATIONALITY JUST FOR WRITING A BOOK." HE ADDED "WE WILL TAKE AWAY NATIONALITY ONLY FROM THOSE WHO ARE ACTING AGAINST THE NATION AND ARE FOMENTING, HERE OR ABROAD, CIVIL WAR AMONG CHILEANS."

5. COMMENT: PINOCHET IS OF COURSE QUITE RIGHT ABOUT THE INEQUITY OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD AS APPLIED TO CHILE ON THE ONE HAND AND CUBA AND THE USSR ON THE OTHER. AT THE SAME TIME THE PINOCHET INTERVIEW ILLUSTRATES GRAPHICALLY THE PSYCHOLOGICAL GAP WHICH PREVENTS CHILEANS FROM DOING WHAT THEY MIGHT DO TO RECTIFY THE "CHILEAN IMAGE," WHICH THEY RECOGNIZE HAS BEEN TARNISHED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. PINOCHET MIGHT HAVE MADE A CASE FOR THE NEED TO RESTRICT HUMAN RIGHTS TEMPORARILY, AFTER THE EMERGENCY CIVIL WAR SITUATION WHICH HAS PREVAILED IN THIS COUNTRY. HE WILL NOT CONVINCE THE DOUBTING BY A SIMPLE ASSERTION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN VIOLATED AND THAT POLITICAL DETAINEES ARE BENEFITTING FROM NORMAL LEGAL PROCESSES. NOR WILL GOC CRITICS BE REASSURED BY PINOCHET'S REFERENCE TO CHILEAN DENATIONALIZATION PROCEDURES FOR REGIME'S IDEOLOGICAL OPPONENTS -- THE CONTRAST WITH SOVIET PRACTICE WILL NOT BE QUITE SO APPARENT AS HE APPEARS TO BELIEVE.

6. FURTHER, IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL FOR CHILE TO FAIL TO RESPOND WITH A STRONG REPLY TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION LETTER, AS IT COULD. IT IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE THAT GOC MAY RESPOND TO LETTER BY MEANS OTHER THAN COMMUNICATION FROM PINOCHET HIMSELF: WE WILL TRY TO CHECK THIS POINT. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING USUN CAN DISCOVER REGARDING AMBASSADOR BAZAN'S INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

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